

# PACIFIC DIVISION ARRL DIRECTOR'S NEWSLETTER

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It was again my pleasure to represent you, the members of the Pacific Division, at the 1979 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the ARRL held on January 24 and 25. Many important matters were taken up at this meeting, many of which will affect greatly the future of amateur radio.

All of the actions of the Board of Directors are covered in the Minutes, which appear in the March issue of QST. I will not detail these in this Newsletter, but invite you to read them carefully. If you have any questions concerning the actions of your Board of Directors, feel free to write or call me at any time. I will also be visiting many clubs and amateur radio events during the next few months. Some of these meetings and events are listed elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Many items were discussed and votes were taken at the Pacific Division Director's meeting which I hosted at Foothill College on December 2, 1978. You can see a copy of the minutes of this meeting by contacting your local radio club, your SCM, SEC, or Assistant Director in your area.

Here are the actions that I took at the Board Meeting relative to the items that were passed at the Director's Meeting:

1. "ARRL take steps to 'clean up 40 meters'"

This of course is a major problem and was originally presented to the Board of Directors by our past director in 1968. It was a general feeling that we have been doing everything that we can but that the FCC cannot act for numerous reasons. I will not accept this and will continue to pressure for something to be done, and at the July Board Meeting will take whatever action I can to clean up malicious and other interference problems on all amateur bands.

2. "Petition FCC to return to the required use of portable and mobile designation of call area when operating away from home location."

Due to the press of business at the January meeting and because of the need to build support for this idea, this will be presented at the July Board Meeting.

3. "Petition FCC to establish a call assignment system using W,K,N, and A prefixes with one by two or one by three calls only."

In discussions with other Directors and Officers, I found that this would best be presented at the July meeting and plan to do so.

4. "ARRL provide stickers for the membership certificate indicating 5/10/15 and 20 years of continuous membership and also make membership pins available showing these same years of continuous membership."

A motion was presented on this item for a study by the Membership Affairs Committee.

5. "That Headquarters establish travel allowance for Emergency Coordinators."

A motion was made and passed on this item.

6. "ARRL Club and Training Department review the material presented in the General Class Workbook for students and rewrite in a form more easily understood by students."

I investigated and found that this is already being done by C & T D, and I will keep tabs of this to see that every effort is made to make this training program better in every way possible.

7. "ARRL establish a VHF/UHF annual award in the name of Sam Harris, W1FZJ."

A motion was made and passed to study the establishment of such an award.

8. "ARRL Board change Bylaws to limit the expenditure of funds in campaigning for elective office in the League to a \$500 maximum for candidate, and that a resume of the qualifications of each candidate be written in QST."

I found very little support for this idea since the Board over the past few years has been working with this problem but has not come up with an acceptable solution. However, I am working to gain support for this idea and will present a motion at the July meeting if I find that there are Directors who will support the idea.

9. "General Counsel of ARRL study IRS rulings regarding deductions relating to emergency preparedness and that implications from this study be distributed to League emergency preparedness officials."

A conference was held with the General Counsel on this subject and he was very receptive to this idea. He expects to have a report on this at a later date.

10. "ARRL implement the insurance plan that will include protection for club officers against malicious law suits."

Discussion with the General Manager found that Headquarters is trying to make this type of insurance available to members, but thus far there has been no carried who will handle this insurance plan. Both Headquarters and the Board agree that there is a need for this insurance, but cannot find a company that will write such a policy.

11. "The annual Sam Harris Award, if adopted, be presented at the West Coast VHF/UHF Conference."

A motion on this will be presented when and if this award is established.

During the next three months I plan to travel to the following ham radio clubs and activities:

April 7-8 - NCDXC and SCDXC DX Convention in Fresno.

April 14 - Livermore Amateur Radio Klub.

April 16 through 23 - ARRL Management and Finance Committee.

May 5-6 - UHF/VHF Conference in San Mateo.

May 12-13 - Fresno Hamfest.

May 14 - SCCARA Meeting in San Jose.

June 4 through 10 - Radio Clubs in the following locations: Sacramento, Placerville, Lake Tahoe, and Reno Convention Committee Meeting.

June 29-30 - Bible Study Amateur Radio Club, Watsonville.

# 1979 PACIFIC DIVISION CONVENTION

## AUGUST 10, 11, 12, 1979

### MGM GRAND HOTEL

### RENO, NEVADA

FULL TECHNICAL PROGRAM  
DX AND CONTEST FORUMS  
COMPLETE LADIES' PROGRAM  
GROUP BREAKFASTS  
FULL BANQUET

ARRL AND FCC FORUMS  
TRAFFIC AND EMERGENCY PROGRAM  
ARRL BOOTH AND OFFICIALS  
EXHIBITS  
WOUFF HONG AT MIDNIGHT

FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION WRITE TO:

PAUL DARRAH, WB7EIX, 830 COLORADO RIVER, RENO, NEVADA 89502

#### OTHER HAM EVENTS

##### April 7-8

NCDXC-SCDXC  
The Fresno Hilton  
Bob Thompson, K6SSJ Chairman

##### May 11-13

37th Annual Fresno Hamfest  
Sheraton Inn  
Fresno Hamfest  
P.O.Box 783  
Fresno, CA 93712

##### June 29-July 1

West Coast Bible Study Group  
Monterey Bay Academy  
Watsonville  
c/o Rodney Benson, WB6QDN  
4356 North College St.  
Fresno, CA 93704

##### May 6

Seventh Annual Sacramento  
Valley Ham Swap  
Machinists Hall  
3081 Sunrise Blvd.  
Rancho Cordova, Calif.

##### May 5-6

UHF Radio Society  
Royal Coach Inn, San Mateo  
Bob Stine, W6NBI Chairman

##### June 17

Hamswap/Flea Market  
SCCRA Flea Market  
Quement Parking Lot  
1000 S. Bascom Ave.  
San Jose, Calif.  
Repeater 146.985/.385

##### July 20-22

ARRL National Convention  
Baton Rouge, LA  
Bill Mixon, K5SVD Chairman

##### October 10-12, 1980

Hawaii State Convention  
Honolulu  
Honolulu ARC  
P.O. Box 447  
Aiea, HI 96701

#### BULLETINS AND CODE PRACTICE

Fred Silveira, K6RAU presents a course for family members and friends who do not know the difference between a dit and a dah. Monday through Friday at 0630-0700 Pacific Local Time on 3870 KHZ +/- mode LSB.

This course is repeated starting the first Monday during March, April, and May, and then again in September, October and November.

Don Johnson, W6QIE sends code Tuesday through Sunday at 8 p.m. Pacific Local Time 3595 KHZ. The speeds vary from 5 to 35 wpm in 10-minute steps.

The correct address for getting more information on the ICONS as featured in February QST is: Berry Research & Development Co., Farmington Hills, MI 48018.

#### STRAYS

Chuck McConnel, W6DPD, has been re-elected to the office of Section Communications Manager for the San Joaquin Valley Section. His new term starts July 1.

Chuck Covington, W7SK, has been elected to be the new SCM of the Nevada Section, taking over from Leonard Norman, W7PBV, long time SCM, who decided to retire as SCM after many years of service.

### 37TH ANNUAL FRESNO HAMFEST

### MAY 11 - MAY 13, 1979

### SHERATON INN

An ARRL Hamfest      **Clinton & Hiway 99**      An ARRL Hamfest  
**FRESNO HAMFEST P.O. BOX 783 - FRESNO, CA 93712**

#### TAPE AND FILMS

Novice Training on Video Tape: George Sears, W6DFI of San Jose has recorded, for the Pacific Division, twenty one-hour lessons of the Club and Training Departments video cassette tapes. Excellent for cable TV. George handles the booking for these tapes. Requests should go to 1718 Peony, San Jose, CA 95124 (408) 265-1331.

Two films are available from the Pacific Directorate to clubs and individuals for club training and public relations: "Hams Wide World" is used for PR presentations in Amateur Radio and is about 30 minutes in length. The film "Moving Up To Amateur Radio" is about 17 minutes long. This film is used in presentations to CBERS, Service Clubs, and novice training. Paul Schmidt, WB6YRS at 1365 Dry Creek Road, San Jose, CA 95125 (408) 293-2230 will schedule the film for you. These films are in great demand, so book them well in advance of your showing time.

L. Roger Wical, KH6BZF is the custodian in the Pacific Section for the two ARRL. Call (808) 247-0587.

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A good idea from the Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association is to rent a bus to take members of the club to the Pacific Division Convention in Reno in August. If enough individuals are involved, the cost of the bus per person is much less than the cost of driving.

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If your club has been experiencing trouble receiving mail, the problem could be that changes in officers each year means changes of the club address. Sometimes the mail is slow catching up with the changes. Ever consider a post office box? Cost is nominal and it will mean that everyone will always have the club address once they receive it.

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Club Affiliation: The following have affiliated with the ARRL during 1978: Big Island ARC, Hilo; CW Operators, Santa Rosa; Half Moon Bay ARC, Half Moon Bay; Kings Radio Club, Hanford; Santa Clara Valley Repeater Society, San Jose; Sierra ARC of the High Mojave, Ridgecrest; Solano County ARS, Fairfield; Stanislaus ARA, Modesto; Wide Area Data Group, Reno; Yuba-Sutter ARC, Yuba City.

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The Pacific Division is in need of a list of qualified candidates for the ARRL Advisory Committees. The Committees are: Contest, DX, Emergency Communications, VHF Repeaters, and VHF/UHF. The President of the League announces his selections for each committee about November 1. If you think you have the qualifications to serve send me your personal resume.